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LOK SABHA

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BARREN LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) The details of financial assistance given by the Government during the last three years to the State Governments and Non-Governmental Organisation to make the barren land cultivable in the country, year-wise;

(b) The findings of the Government after monitoring and reviewing the work done with this financial assistance; and

(c) The steps taken by the Government to ensure full and proper utilization of financial assistance?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) : Barren Lands, one of the categories of wasteland, refer to exposed steep mountains, deserts, snow covered etc. which cannot be `brought under cultivation at an economical cost. There is no scheme of the Government of India for development of such lands.

(b) : Does not arise .

(c): Does not arise .